

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/342,768

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

DOYLE ET AL.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4 and 6.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Theodore Naccarella on 03/01/06.

Please replace claim 1 with currently amended claim 1 (in clean format, for simplicity); and amend claim 3 as the following:

1. (Currently amended) A local multipoint distribution service system comprising an antenna for transmitting a signal of reused frequency within a specified range from the antenna, the antenna having multiple radiating antenna elements provided with the signal, and a transmitter means for adjusting in phase and in amplitude across the radiating elements to a) mitigate radiation above the horizon; b) decrease attenuation in radiated power with distance from the antenna; and c) mitigate nulls between lobes of combined radiated signals collectively from the antenna elements.

In claim 3, on line 3, right after --reduce-- please delete --ex--; and please add: -- excess signal power at near range. --

DETAILED ACTION

Remark

1. Claims 2 and 5 were cancelled. Pending claims are claims 1, 3-4, and 6.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 3-4, and 6 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior arts of record issued to Lee and Blasing fail to either alone or combine to teach or suggest a local multipoint distribution system comprising an antenna for transmitting a reused frequency within a specified range from the antenna, wherein the antenna having multiple radiating antenna elements provided with the signal, and the signal provided to each of the antenna elements being adjusted in phase and amplitude across the radiating elements to mitigate radiation above horizon, to decrease attenuation in radiated power with distance from the antenna and to mitigate nulls between lobes of combined signals collectively from antenna elements as cited in claims 1 and 4.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Burt et al (US 6,308,080 B1) discloses power control in point-to-multipoint systems.

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5. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**
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Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tony Thuan Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-7895. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM, with alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban, can be reached at (571) 272-7899.

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